



FOR THE GLACIER PARK AND FLATHEAD & KOOTENAI NATIONAL FOREST AREAS

*Avalanche advisory does not apply to developed ski areas*

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The first regularly issued US Forest Service NW Montana backcountry avalanche advisory of the 2011-12 winter season will be issued this coming Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Beginning this year the avalanche advisory will be posted on the new Flathead Nat'l Forest webpage, <http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/flathead/alerts-notice/?cid=stelprdb5335021>.

Much of the Whitefish, Mission, Swan, Flathead, and Lewis mountain ranges are currently under a winter storm warning. Missoula Weather Service is forecasting 100% chance of snowfall Tuesday night and Wednesday. New snowfall amounts of 9 to 11-inches are forecasted for the mountains. Winds are initially expected to be from the SW Tuesday night, 12-20 MPH. Wednesday these should shift to the N and maintain intensity. Temperatures Tuesday night are expected to be near the mid 20's F, warming into the upper 20's Wednesday.

This major change in weather is expected to push the avalanche danger upward. Backcountry travelers should be alert for rapidly changing avalanche danger as we move into the week.

*Because of the general nature of this advisory message, each backcountry party will always need to make their own time and site specific avalanche hazard evaluations. This advisory best describes conditions at the time of its issuance. As time passes avalanche and snow conditions may change, sometimes quite rapidly. Elevation and geographic distinctions used are approximate and transition zones between hazards exist.*